

Amendments to the Specification

Page 3, lines 3-30, please rewrite the paragraph as follows:

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The present application provides, as specific embodiments of the monoclonal antibody: anti-NAIP monoclonal antibody hnmc365, which is produced from hybridoma 656-1 (FERM BP-6919), and its epitope is the 354-365th region in SEQ ID NO: 1.; anti-NAIP monoclonal antibody hnmc381, which is produced from hybridoma 656-2 (FERM BP-6920), and its epitope is the 373-387th region in SEQ ID NO: 1; and anti-NAIP monoclonal antibody hnmc841, which is produced from hybridoma 841 (FERM BP-6921), and its epitope is the 841-1052nd region in SEQ ID NO: 1. Each hybridoma was deposited on October 19, 1999 with the National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, 1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, 305-8566, Japan.